



“Get Mark”

John Mark The Evangelist

- Acts 12:12 - “So, when he had considered this, he came to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose surname was Mark, where many were gathered together praying.”
- Mark 14:51-52 - “Now a certain young man followed Him, having a linen cloth thrown around his naked body. And the young men laid hold of him, 52 and he left the linen cloth and fled from them naked.”
- Acts 12:25 - “And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had fulfilled their ministry, and they also took with them John whose surname was Mark.”

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- Acts 15:37-41 - “Now Barnabas was determined to take with them John called Mark. 38 But Paul insisted that they should not take with them the one who had departed from them in Pamphylia, and had not gone with them to the work. 39 Then the contention became so sharp that they parted from one another. And so Barnabas took Mark and sailed to Cyprus; 40 but Paul chose Silas and departed, being commended by the brethren to the grace of God. 41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches.”

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- Acts 13:4-5 - “So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. 5 And when they arrived in Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. They also had John as their assistant.”
- Acts 13:13 - “Now when Paul and his party set sail from Paphos, they came to Perga in Pamphylia; and John, departing from them, returned to Jerusalem.”

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- Col. 4:10 - “Aristarchus my fellow prisoner greets you, with Mark the cousin of Barnabas (about whom you received instructions: if he comes to you, welcome him)”
- Philemon 23-24 - “Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you, 24 as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my fellow laborers.”

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- 2Tim. 4:11 - “Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministry.”
- 1Peter 5:13 - “She who is in Babylon, elect together with you, greets you; and so does Mark my son.”

John Mark The Man

- John Mark - John is his Jewish name, Yohanan which means grace
- Marcus is his Roman surname, indicating he may have had Roman citizenship or a Roman father
- He was the son of Mary, a prominent Christian woman from Jerusalem.
- He may have been born in or near Jerusalem where his mother lived. There is no record of his father.

John Mark The Man

- Mary's house was apparently a common place for Christians to meet.
 - It was the first place Peter went after an angel released him from Herod's prison - Acts 12:6-12
- Mark was one of the fortunate few to have seen and heard Jesus Christ in His lifetime.
 - He witnessed the birth and growth of the church and was involved with its spread
 - He personally knew most of the greatest evangelists of his day while becoming one himself.

John Mark The Author

- There is strong evidence to attribute the Gospel account of Mark to John Mark.
 - He worked with Paul and Peter, who wrote a number of epistles, and he would be familiar with the process
 - Like the other Gospel accounts, the title “According to Mark” (KATA MARKON) is found in the earliest manuscripts.
- The fact that the Holy Spirit was sent to Mark to write a Gospel account speaks volumes about him
 - Peter did not write a Gospel account, nor did James and Jude the brothers of Jesus

John Mark The Author

- It is a singular Gospel account, too.
 - It is written from the active perspective of a younger man
 - It is written with enthusiasm -- “verily, verily” (truly, truly)
 - It has the most extensive description of the commission of Christ
 - It has most frequently quoted text about baptism in the Bible

John Mark The Historical Hero Of The Faith

- “So, taking the gospel which he himself composed, he went to Egypt and first preaching Christ at Alexandria he formed a church so admirable in doctrine and continence of living that he constrained all followers of Christ to his example. Philo, most learned of the Jews, seeing the first church at Alexandria still Jewish in a degree, wrote a book on their manner of life as something creditable to his nation telling how, as Luke says, the believers had all things in common at Jerusalem, so he recorded that he saw was done at Alexandria, under the learned Mark (Lives of Illustrious Men 8; 1994: 3: 364).

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- That he would emphasize benevolence does not surprise us, as he would have witnessed the example of his uncle Barnabas who sold what he had and laid it at the feet of the apostles - Acts 4:36-37
- Jerome records that John Mark died in the 8th year of Domitian's reign and was buried in Alexandria (Lives of Illustrious Men 8; 1994: 3: 364). The 8th year of Domitian's reign was AD 81, putting Mark's passing in AD 89.

John Mark the Teacher of 21st Century Christians

- Being a good helper is every bit as important as being a good leader
 - In the Judgment, it really does not make any difference who gets the credit for the work done in this life. The Lord keeps the record books - 1Cor. 3:11-15; 2Cor 5:10; Rev. 22:12
 - What matters in this life is that God gets the credit because what we accomplished for Him was done by His grace and strength - 1Cor. 3:6
 - What is done in secret will be rewarded openly - Matt. 6:1-18

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- John Mark modeled the servant's heart. He had souls as his priority and served their needs - Mark 10:42-45.
- Never underestimate what a young person can learn spiritually. John Mark had godly influences as a young person - Eph. 6:4; Col. 3:21
- John Mark was learned in the Scriptures - 1Tim. 4:12-13
- John Mark was not immune to mistakes, but he clearly profited by them

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- It is better for those who make mistakes, for the body of Christ, and yes for you especially, to take the time to reclaim and reform them.
 - Paul dismissed John Mark. What if Barnabas had been inclined that way, too?
 - Would John Mark have come to Rome to work in Paul's place as an evangelist in the lion's den if Barnabas did what Paul did?

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- There are only 10 verses in the Bible that mention Mark. In six of them, Paul is either using him in the work or praising him for his work.
- Paul came to see how necessary this young man was in the service of the Lord, and he was humble enough to acknowledge it often
- We should strive to be the Barnabas's who salvage the young men and women around us, and be less like the Paul's who prefer to leave them behind
- Go and get Mark and bring him here. He is useful to the Lord in the ministry.